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1. The 3rd Polish AF Engr Regt, which consisted of the regimental headquarters and three battalions, was allegedly assigned to a Polish Air Force division. * From talks with Polish cadre personnel of the I Bn it was learned that an air force engineer regiment is assigned to each air force division. The 3rd Regt was allegedly stationed at the Pruszkow (R 53/P 88) airfield prior to 1947. The regiment had the following tactical symbol:



The circles were painted white. The motor vehicles of the regiment had the letter U preceding the numbers.

2. The regimental headquarters was transferred to the Gdynia-Babiedoly (Q 55/Y 45) airfield in July 1947 and was still there in February 1948. Another PW who entered Babiedoly in the fall of 1949 said that the regimental headquarters was still stationed at the airfield at that time.
3. Source was assigned to the I Bn of the regiment between December 1945 and February 1948. The postal address was "Polskie Wojskowe Jednostki 2563", CO of the battalion was Major Patschinski, (fnu), who, as a lieutenant colonel was later transferred to Warsaw and allegedly sentenced to death because of sabotage. He was succeeded by Captain Heuka, (fnu), who later allegedly fled from Poland because legal proceedings against him were to be initiated because of sabotage. The cadre personnel of the battalion included 80 Polish soldiers and from 450 to 750 German PWs. In February 1948 the PWs were relieved by 200 to 300 Polish recruits who were detached to Gdynia-Babiedoly. Fatigue details of the battalion were detached to the following airfields up to February 1948: Lodz-Ruda Pabianicka (Q 52/O 93); Pruszkow (R 53/P 88); Tomaszow (Q 52/P 31), southeast of Lodz; Lentschustz Leczyca-(Q 53/O 77), west of Lodz; Poznan (P 53/X 26); Bydgoszcz (P 54/S 84); and Breslau-Rosenthal Rozyniec-(P 52/C 42).
4. The I Bn was equipped with Soviet rifles, sub-machine guns, and several light machine guns. It had more than 15 ZIS-5 trucks marked with the tactical symbol of the regiment, six to ten German concrete mixers and a narrow-gauge

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railway. Captain Rutowski, (fnu), was a company commander, and Lieutenant Colonel Wirletz, a Soviet, was a political officer. The recruits who were inducted in February 1948 were of the 1926/1927 classes. Their salary was allegedly 45 zlotys. They wore brown uniforms until the summer of 1947, when there was a gradual change to blue air force uniforms with blue field caps or blue service caps. **

5. Members of the I Bn said that the II Bn of the regiment was stationed in Lodz until early 1946, when it was transferred to Lublin (S 52/A 18).
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6. [REDACTED] It contained 180 to 200

25X1X Polish soldiers, and 500 German PWs who were relieved in March 1948 by 400 men of a Polish labor service unit, designated SP. The tactical symbol was the same as that of the regimental headquarters. The armament and equipment was the same as that of the I Bn, but also included fifteen ZIS trucks, five Studebaker trucks, two American-made graders and two German concrete mixers. The battalion was assigned to work at airfields near Warsaw. In March 1948, almost all members of the III Bn still wore brown Polish uniforms with lateral yellow stripes on both corners of the jacket collar, and the four-cornered service caps. ***

25X1A * [REDACTED] Comment. The designation "3rd AF Engr Regt" is reported for the first

** [REDACTED] Comment. The I Bn, which was previously reported, was designated "Airfield Construction Bn No 2563." See (Air) J-1689. This report confirms the previous assumption that the numerical designation has been mistaken for the AFN. See (Air) J-1689. The information on the CO of the I Bn, his successor, and the company commander agrees with a previous report, except for minor differences in the spelling of the names. See (Air) J-1689. The airfields where the battalion has been assigned to work also generally agree with the previous report.

25X1A *** [REDACTED] Comment. The report is the first confirmation and supplement of a previous report on Polish Air Force construction units. See (Air) J-1689. The information that an air force engineer regiment is assigned to each air force division is believed possible.

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